

## Houston Locals.

W. H. Nelson of Buena Vista was in town Wednesday.

Ball game Houston Vs Tupelo Saturday July 3rd. Go on help our boys root.

Horse Racing at the Fair Grounds July the third.

C K Alexander left for Paris, Mo., for a visit.

Chas Williams of Buena Vista is the guest of relatives here this week.

Mrs Jeff Busby has returned home after a visit in New Albany.

Grady Gladney went to Starkville on a business trip this week.

Dr Mitchell of Houlika was a visitor to our city Thursday.

Miss Pauline Marion has as her guests Misses Aline Atkinson and Edith Carr.

Misses Loraine Rushing and Blanche Roberts returned Tuesday to their home in Artesia.

Chas Davis of Okolona is the guest of friends and relatives here this week.

Miss Evelyn Davis charmingly entertained several couples on the 30th.

Miss Francis Jack of Vicksburg is the guest of her brother, Mr W W Jack.

Mrs G W Goff and Celestine have returned home from a month's visit to relatives at Jackson, Miss.

Dr Rena Crawford of West Point was the guest of Mrs. J A Evans Sunday last.

Misses Clytie and Grace Evans left Saturday for Ann Harbor, Mich., where they will enter the University for the summer.

Mr and Mrs Jim Rushing entertained at 6 o'clock dinner on the 20th inst in honor of Miss Edith Kidd, a charming visitor here.

Mesdames Louis Tindall and Rosa Tabb returned from Winona Monday.

Miss Goldie Shanaberger and little Virginia Tabb spent the weekend at Vardaman with relatives and friends.

Miss Ruby Alexander of Thelma is the guest of Misses Mae Lorene Ford and Margaret Walker this week.

Mrs R. B. Wright and children returned home Thursday from an extended visit to Mr. Wright's father in Virginia.

Mrs. Ashton Toomer and Miss Minnie Hall entertained their Sunday school classes with a picnic Wednesday.

Mrs W W Jack will leave Sunday for San Francisco to take in the Exposition. She will join a large party from Nashville, Tenn., at St. Louis.

Peaches delivered at Houston for \$1.00 per bushel. Good for pickling or canning. Phone Brock Line, No. 155.

Al Davis.

Mrs. D. S. Johnson was hostess to ten couples of young people on the evening of the 2nd inst in honor of Miss Edith Kidd of Lake, Miss. Rook was played after which a delicious ice course was served.

Mrs. W. W. Jack entertained on the 28th ult. in honor of her niece Miss Margaret Walker with an interesting birthday party. The affair proved an enjoyable one to all who attended and the many remembrances attest the popularity of Miss Margaret.

Miss Laura Wildie Roane attended the marriage of Miss Almon daughter of the late John Almon who had Houston in his territory for years and his friends by the score here. Miss Roane returned home Wednesday.

### To Our Friends and Customers.

We have combined our Grocery and Bakery business, and have moved both into the building formerly occupied by The Hammer and known as the Gilroy & Woods store where we will be glad to serve you at any time.

W. H. Pearson & Bros.

W E Parker of Houlika was the guest of his wife last Sunday.

Horse and Mule Races at the Fair Grounds Saturday July third.

Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Lovelace of Reid was brought to the hospital by Dr Coley and operated on Saturday.

Misses Olita Cross and Armaree Ellison are guests of the Misses Roane.

Miss Floy Searbrough of Vardaman was a guest of Mrs. J. T. Rushing this week.

Miss Marguerite Walker has returned from a short visit to Houlika.

Miss Kidd of the Houston Hospital has as her guest her sister Miss Edith Kidd.

Mesdames Claude Hightower, J. L. Tindall and Rosa Tabb have returned from a weeks house party in the home of Mrs. R. C. West of Winona.

Mrs. Stanley Wright went from Winona to visit points in Virginia and Tenn.

Mrs. W. W. Jack entertained a number of young friends in honor of Miss Marguerite Walker Monday night.

On Monday afternoon the Methodist Missionary Society entertained the societies of the other churches.

Mr. C. K. Alexander left Monday for a few days visit to Mrs. Alexander's parents in Missouri.

Mr. T. S. White of Woodland paid us a very pleasant call while in town last Saturday.

Mr. W. D. Bradford is at home on a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bradford.

Hon. and Mrs. N. W. Bradford left Tuesday morning for Los Angeles Cal. where they were called on account of the serious illness of their son.

We are glad indeed to add to our subscription list Mr. E. Foster, R. 2. Earnest has been one of our best friends for years, and as long as we can get the support of such good men, we feel like the Hummer will be a success.

The many friends of Mrs. Will Pruitt (nee Miss Maude Lee Barr) will be glad to hear that she has returned from the Philippine Islands where Mr. Pruitt is a teacher in the schools of the Island.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thompson in the loss of their baby, which died last Thursday night, at their home three miles north of Houston, and was buried here Friday.

The office was made pleasant last Saturday by the smiling face of our good friend, Robt C. Ware, R 2, who left two pieces of money that gladden the heart of the Hummer boys. Thank you brother Ware, come again.

Mr. I. V. Abernethy, a very prominent candidate for representative, was a visitor to our city first of the week. Mr. Abernethy is one of Chickasaw's most successful farmers and thoroughly understands the needs of the farming class of people and would, if elected, work to their interest.

Don't fail to see the base ball game between Houston and Tupelo Saturday.

Edward and Frank Hickman, of Macon, Miss., sons of W. F. Hickman, an old Houston boy who is making good in his new home, are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Dan W. Tabb, for a few days.

Editor Rar H. Reed will be in his office Saturday, July 3rd, and will be glad to see all of his friends.

W. P. Knox of Okolona was a business visitor here first of the week.

Mr Dave Davis has set himself up to an automobile instead of a Ford.

Mr. W. A. Dendy lost a very valuable saddle horse Tuesday.

## To the Voters of Chickasaw County:

It has been impossible for me to make a house to house canvass, on account of my work. I have tried to see and talk to as many of you as possible. Those whom I have missed, I hope to see on the Grand Round. My failure to visit you has not been from preference but from necessity.

I want a thorough investigation of my record as a man and an officer. If it merits your approval then I most earnestly solicit your vote and influence.

If elected to this, THE MOST important office in the county, I shall give to its duties and responsibilities all the service of which I am capable. Give me a trial in this place and see the result.

Soliciting again your support and influence, I am,

Yours truly,

W. A. WILKINSON.

## MRS. WEST ENTERTAINS

On Wednesday afternoon between the hours of five and seven, Mrs. R. C. West received her friends in honor of her attractive guests, Mesdames Hightower, Tindall, Tabb, and Wright of Houston, Miss. The home was artistically appointed in every detail, the beautiful and refreshing color scheme of pink and white being in evidence throughout. Flowers, flowers, everywhere! From the porch the zinnias smiled a welcome as the guests approached and the banks of ferns with waving fronds pointed the way to the door, where each caller was greeted most cordially by Mrs. Walker Wood and shown by her to a place of "summer delight," the punch bowl. The beauty of the in its decorations of sweet peas, the deliciousness of Miss Mary Webster, who presided, and the sweet strains of music which seemed to come from the very ferns themselves, so successfully was the victrola concealed among them and so artistically did Mrs. Sanderson direct it, made this bower "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Mrs. T. H. Spencer in her usual charm escorted the guests to the door of the parlor where they were greeted by Mrs. Andrew Ely and introduced to one of the most charming receiving lines it has been our pleasure to see. The ladies almost without exception were gowned in pink and white, which with the pink and white gladiolas that seemed to blossom in perfusion there, carried out the color motif perfectly. After a few moments of pleasant conversation with the hostess and charming honorees, the callers were led by Mrs. Spencer to the dining-hall where they were welcomed by Mesdames Knox, Farmer and Kelo, and served by Misses Floy Sturdivant and Margaret McLean to delicious refreshments of cream and cake. A beautiful basket of pink roses upon the center table breathed an inspiration to the guests over the crystal compotes of pink and white mints, and nodded approval at the gladiolas that peeped out from every nook and corner.—Winona Times.

Mr. Archie Hopson lost a very valuable horse Tuesday.

Mr. W. B. Tabb returned Sunday from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Texas.

Board of Supervisors meet in Houston next Monday.

Mrs. Garner Kimball of Vardaman visited her father, Dr. J. S. Evans, first of the week.

Mrs. Rob Beasley is visiting her husband in Meridian this week.

Hon. N. W. Bradford has returned from North Carolina where he has been on legal business.

Prof. F. H. Sanderson, of Buena Vista, spent Monday in Houston to contract for the printing of the A. H. S. Catalog. The Hummer being the successful bidder.

Mrs. Porter Davis, of Okolona, spent last week at the home of Mr. Davis' father, John L. Davis, near Concord.

## Always Patronize the Home Merchant

The home merchant. Who is he?

He is the chap who gives you credit when you are financially broke, and carries your account until you are able to pay.

He is the chap who gives you back your money or make exchanges when you are not satisfied with what you have bought.

He is the chap who stands behind his guaranty, and makes restoration of all losses you may sustain on the goods you buy.

He is the chap who meets you at the door with a handshake and lets you out with a message to the "kids" and a real goodbye.

He is the chap who greets you on the streets every day in the year, and takes a neighborly interest in your family and your affairs.

He is the chap whose clerks and bookkeepers live in Houston and spend their money with you and with other Houston people.

He is the chap who pays heavy taxes to help support our town, churches and charity organizations and Houston lodges and commercial clubs, and talks for our town and boosts for our town every day in the year.

He is the chap who visits you when you are sick, sends flowers to your family when you die, and follows your body out among the trees and tombs, as human feet may travel with the dead.

He is the home merchant—your neighbor—your friend—your helper in times of need.

Don't you think you ought to trade with him, and be his friend and his helper in the time of his need?

Don't you know that every dollar you send out of Houston for merchandise, is sent to strangers—to men who never spend a dollar in your town—to men who would not trust you for a box of matches, to men who would turn you over to the police if you should enter their offices?

You don't save much, frequently nothing, when you send your money out of your town and you take all the risk yourself of short weight or measure and of getting damaged or inferior goods. And don't you know that the growth and prosperity of your city depends very largely upon the success and prosperity of the home merchant? Out of town people judge our city by the appearance of our stores and the degree of enterprise shown by our merchants. And our home merchants cannot succeed unless home folks give them loyal support.—Adopted; original source unknown.

## HAY GROWERS AND SHIPPERS MEETING

On July 12th there will be a public meeting at Okolona to discuss with the railroad officials the out-bound freight rates on hay and grain. These officials will discuss with the farmers the proper handling economically of all hay and grain. They will also explain the equipment and expense of grain elevators and as the farmers surrounding Houston are getting out of the old rut, of growing cotton as a money crop, it would be a good idea for some of our farmers and business men to attend this meeting.

Several towns along the M. & O. are contemplating erecting grain elevators, and it might be a good idea for our business men to look into this matter and see what can be done in securing an elevator for Houston.

We have talked to a good many of the best farmers around Houston and they say they will plant at least 10 acres of wheat if some one will put in a mill here. One man, who lives near Okolona, says he will plant a large amount of wheat this fall if he had the assurance that Houston would put up a mill. Now is the time to act on this matter and secure some of these industries that are sure to be located somewhere near us in the near future and Houston could handle thousands of dollars worth of grain each year.

## THE TELEPHONE GIRL

The telephone girl sits in her chair, And listens to voices from everywhere. She hears all the gossips, she hears all the news; She knows who is happy and who has the blues. She knows all our sorrows, she knows all our joys, She knows all the girls that are chasing the boys. She knows all one troubles, she knows all our strife, She knows every man that is mean to his wife. She knows every time that we are out with the boys. She hears the excuses each fellow employs. She knows every woman who has a dark past. She knows every woman that is inclined to be fast. If the telephone girl would tell all she knows. It would turn all our friends into bitterest foes. She could raise a small wind that would soon be a gale, Engulf us in trouble, and land us in jail. She could let go a story, which, gaining force, Would cause half the wives to sue for divorce. She could get all the churches mixed in a fight. And turn our days into sorrowing nights. In fact she could keep the whole town in a stew, If she would tell the tenth part of all she knew. Now doesn't it make your brain and head whirl, When you think what you owe to the telephone girl.

Mrs Handcock of Houlika was brought to the hospital Thursday for an operation. Dr. Mitchell accompanied the patient.

Houston defeated Tupelo in fast game Thursday afternoon, score 7 to 6.

## BRAZIL SNAKE FARM

Here Reptiles Are Domiciled in Concrete Houses.

Immediate Object is the Production of Serum Antidote for Bites—Cement Bath a Feature of the Institution.

It was recently learned that at the national cement show held in Chicago sanitary cement bathtubs were shown—these bathtubs being constructed exclusively for the use of pigs. New information along similar lines has reached America. The government of Brazil maintains at Sao Paulo a snake farm where reptiles are provided with concrete houses.

The snake farm serves the double purpose of providing a supply of material for the production of serum antidote for snake bites and for educating the public to the fact that all snakes are not venomous. A concrete



wall high enough to keep the snakes from crawling out surrounds the farm but it is low enough to allow visitors a chance to see over.

It is by this means that this educational work is carried on. Familiarity breeds contempt there as elsewhere. If you see a snake that you have believed to be a dangerous enemy playing with its master each day you gradually alter your opinion of it. At any rate that is what has happened and is happening there.

Inside the wall is a water-filled trench, also lined with concrete, while cement walks connect the snake houses. At night the snakes are herded into these double-shaped structures and the doors are closed. In the morning an attendant wakes up the reptiles by prodding them with a stick through a hole in the door, after which the doors are removed and the snakes come out for their morning bath in the trench.

### Suffrage Gardens.

Women are offering gold for votes—golden flowers for votes for women. Suffragists plan to make the country bloom with yellow, the suffrage color, just as a reminder that this is the greatest suffrage campaign year in the history of the movement. The "suffrage garden" idea originated with a Pennsylvania woman who had no money to give to the cause, and gave instead a golden idea. The Woman Suffrage association of Pennsylvania has arranged to have packages of seeds containing six different kinds of flower seeds to be distributed among suffragists the country over. Flowers that will bloom successfully from spring until fall have been selected by the Pennsylvania women for the floral suffrage maps they hope to see blooming next summer in the garden or the window box of every loyal suffragist.

### Spook in Pennsylvania Town.

Several months ago a man was killed at the railroad station at Radnor, Pa. Since his death a number of people living in that section declare they have seen his ghost, which flits out of dark corners, stares at them with sorrowful eyes and then passes on, moaning as it goes. A woman reported that the ghost disappeared at her door, and as she stood paralyzed with fear it suddenly vanished. So many tales of the wraith's pranks were told that the police undertook an investigation to ascertain the real nature of the spooky demonstrations, but at last accounts they had learned nothing.

### New Nature Story.

Hiram Johnson, a farmer living near Waterville, N. Y., tells a beautiful tale of how he utilizes the digging propensities of three woodchucks which he captured. He says he has trained them to dig straight postholes any depth and size required. He explains that he ties a cord to one of the animal's hind legs, indicates where the hole is to be dug, and when it is sufficiently deep he pulls the cord. The woodchuck then scrambles up for his reward of dried alfalfa.

### Pushing the Business.

Mr. Speedup—This is the fifth time you've been fined for speeding through Sistersville. Why don't you keep away from there?

His Wife—The dear old Justice of the peace out there gives trading stamps.—Pack.